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In re Application of:

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Examiner: N. Jensen

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Group Art Unit: 3502

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June 17, 1996

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the (Supplemental) Restriction Requirement mailed
May 23, 1996, please consider the following remarks.

Further Restriction of Group I (claims 1-40 and 66-71) has been
required under 35 U.S.C. §121. Restriction is therefore now required between
the following groups of claims:

IA. Claims 1-40, drawn to a method and apparatus for computerized control of clutch regulation, classified in Class 364, Subclass 424.01.

IB. Claims 66-71, drawn to a torque converter/slip clutch combination wherein the torque transmitted by the clutch is a function of heat or road slope, classified in Class 192, Subclass 3.3.

II. Claims 41 and 72, drawn to a method and apparatus for clutch slip regulation, classified in Class 192, Subclass 3.28.

III. Claims 42-53, 61-65, 80-91 and 94-101 drawn to a method and apparatus for torque-responsive clutch control, classified in Class 477, Subclass 166.

IV. Claims 54-60 and 73-79, drawn to a torque converter, lockup clutch and damper, classified in Class 192, Subclass 106.2.

V. Claims 92 and 93 drawn to an apparatus for engine torque-responsive clutch and transmission control, classified in Class 477, Subclass 57.

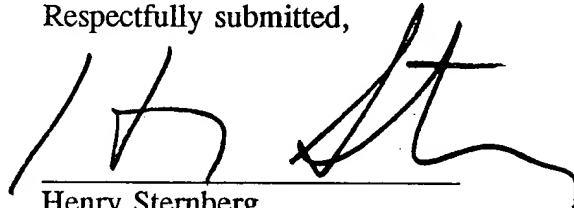
To comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §121, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group IA, including claims 1-40, for prosecution on the merits. Further, applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications directed toward the non-elected claims of Group IB which includes claims 66-71, Group II which includes claims 41 and 72, Group III which includes claims 42-53, 61-65, 80-91 and 94-101, Group IV which includes claims 54-60 and 73-79 and Group V which includes claims 92 and 93, in the event the Examiner's Restriction Requirement is made final.

It is respectfully submitted that the requirement for restriction between the claims of Groups IA, IB and II-V is improper and should be withdrawn. All of the claims now appearing in this application should be examined at this time.

Because the claims of Group IA could not properly be thoroughly examined without searching all of the Patent and Trademark Office classes and sub-classes in which the claims of Groups IB and II-V are classified, a single novelty search would appear to suffice to locate prior art which might be relevant for ascertaining the patentability of the claims in all of those groups.

Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. Sternberg', written over a horizontal line.

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